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RESPONSE AND ELECTION

(In response to Paper No. 2)

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment Honorable Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Va. 22313-1450

Sir:

This communication is filed in response to the Office action dated April 23, 2003. The one month period for responding to the Office action expires on May 23, 2003.

The Examiner has required Applicant to elect a single invention for prosecution on the merits. Applicant hereby elects to proceed with Invention Group 1, claims 1-19 without traverse.

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If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, our Order No. 33729.

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